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The Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 2235 (2015), 2209 (2015) and 2118 (2013),

Noting that additional allegations of chemical weapons use in Syria are being investigated by the Fact-Finding Mission of the OPCW,

Condemning again in the strongest terms any use of any toxic chemical as a weapon in the Syrian Arab Republic and *expressing alarm* that civilians continue to be killed and injured by toxic chemicals as weapons in the Syrian Arab Republic,

Reaffirming that the use of chemical weapons constitutes a serious violation of international law and *reiterating* that those individuals, entities, groups or governments responsible for any use of chemical weapons must be held accountable,

1. *Decides* to renew the mandate of the Joint Investigative Mechanism, as set out in resolution 2235, until 18 November 2016, and expresses its intention to consider a further extension before the expiration of this mandate;

2. *Reaffirms* paragraphs 1-4, 6-9, 12, and 15 of resolution 2235, and stresses the need for the full functioning of the Joint Investigative Mechanism during this period;

3. *Decides* to remain actively seized of the matter.

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